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**SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF HEALTH
April 24, 2019**

Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor WA 98250

8:30 AM Call to Order

Vice Chair of the Board of Health Jamie Stephens called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the County Council Hearing Room. BOH Present: Kyle Davies, Dr. John Geyman, Council Member Rick Hughes, Noel Monin, Council Member Jamie Stephens and Council Member Bill Watson.

Also Present: Director of Health & Community Services Mark Tompkins, Environmental Health Manager Kyle Dodd, County Council Assistant Susan Kollet and interested members of the public.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the agenda for April 24, 2019. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the minutes of March 20, 2019. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Excused Absences: Moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hughes to excuse the absence of Dr. Heisinger . ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments: none

8:32 AM Air Medical Transport/Insurance Continuing Discussion & Next Steps - Mark Tompkins, Director

Mr. Tompkins provided an update on the ongoing discussions concerning Kaiser Permanente's recent denials for air medical transports and answered board member questions.

On Monday, April 22nd, the Parties, consisting of the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, Kaiser Permanente Representatives, Hospital District Representatives, Air Transport Representatives, Fire Department Representatives, Representative of Rick Larsen's Office, Mr. Tompkins, Dr. Sullivan (via telephone), Dr. Heisinger, and Mr. Stephens met.

Kaiser Permanente staff agreed to pursue the following actions going forward:

- internal review of individual cases to see if there has been a change in their determinations
- they will look at the process flow and areas of improvement
- total transparency with the Insurance Commissioner investigation
- offer member engagement locally
- willing to look at any gaps in our County's health care system and how KP can help

- 52 • will convene a physician to physician meeting with San Juan County’s Medical Program
53 Director, Dr. Michael Sullivan, and Kaiser Permanente’s physician(s)
54 • willing to explore contracts with the air transport companies.
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56 Mr. Stephens suggested that one of the best pieces of information the Board can share with
57 the public is educating the community on the process involved to appeal a denial.

58 Mr. Tompkins suggested that the public forum scheduled for tomorrow will include that
59 information. Additionally, he intends to post that process on the County’s website.
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61 The Office of the Insurance Commissioner is awaiting solid numbers from Kaiser Permanente
62 of the number of transports, from September 2018 to current, with how many have been
63 denied, as well as the number of transports for a period of time prior to September 2018 and
64 the number of denials for that period. The Office of the Insurance Commissioner asked that
65 the information be provided by May 1st. The airlift providers have indicated that as many as
66 60% of recent claims have been denied.

67 It was stated at the meeting that emergent transport does not require a preauthorization. That
68 was clear.
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70 Mr. Hughes suggested that the RCW that governs fly-offs for medically necessary cases be
71 sent to our Prosecuting Attorney for an opinion by the Attorney General as to medical
72 necessity. Mr. Tompkins will discuss further with our Prosecuting Attorney’s office.
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75 **9:10 AM On-site Sewage Program Plan – Draft Revisions**
76 **- Kyle Dodd, Deputy Director/Environmental Health Manager**
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78 Mr. Dodd explained that the On-Site Sewage System (OSS) Advisory Committee was
79 convened to review existing OSS program rules and policies and suggest changes. The
80 Committee consisted of nine individuals from the OSS industry representing licensed
81 designers, installers and wastewater inspectors. The Committee met 5 times from November
82 2018 to February 2019 and recommendations for changes were proposed for *Chapter 8.16*
83 *Rules and Regulations Regarding On-Site Sewage Disposal, Appendix A On-Site Sewage*
84 *Program Plan, and the On-Site Sewage System Operation and Maintenance Program Plan.*

85 Mr. Dodd introduced the suggested revisions to the On-Site Sewage Program Plan and
86 answered board member questions.
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89 **9:35 AM Late Fee Waivers - Kyle Dodd, Deputy Director/Environmental Health**
90 **Manager**
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92 Mr. Dodd presented the background of the two late fee waiver requests and answered board
93 member questions.
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95 Following discussion, the board took the following action:
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97 **Moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Monin, to approve the late fee waivers for**
98 **Cynthia’s and Champagne Champagne. ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**
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101 **9:38 AM Environmental Health Annual Report - Kyle Dodd, Deputy**
102 **Director/Environmental Health Manager**

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104 Mr. Dodd presented the Annual Report and answered board member questions.
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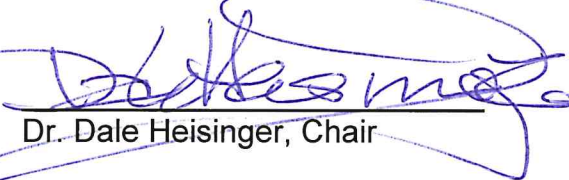
106 **9:55 AM Public Comment - none**

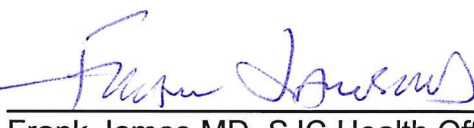
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109 **9:55 AM Adjourn**


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111 The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for May 15, 2019.

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113 Mr. Stephens adjourned the meeting at 9:55 AM.
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125 **BOARD OF HEALTH**
126 **SAN JUAN COUNTY WASHINGTON**

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130 Dr. Dale Heisinger, Chair

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130 Frank James MD, SJC Health Officer
131 San Juan County BOH Executive Secretary

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135 Submitted by and Attested to:
136 Susan Kollet
137 SJC Council Staff Assistant
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135 Mark Tompkins, Director
136 Health & Community Services Department